

# Presidential Address

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Distinguished guests, officers, ladies and gentlemen . . . .

I would like to thank the membership of the Hyacinth Control Society for the honor of serving you as President of the Society for the past year. I believe our fifth year as a Society has been a most productive one. Your Board of Directors adopted a policy this year to promote safety in application. I believe this theme is in accord with the national programs.

We have brought together specialists from all groups engaged in weed control from administrators to field applicators. We believe the only way to accomplish our goal of safe application of herbicides is by using every possible avenue of communication. We must use our Society to stimulate others in the herbicide field to follow our lead. Our program here this year is outstanding. We all owe a debt of gratitude to our Program Chairman, Mr. Zeb Grant.

This program emphasizes both proper application and the

practical approach to solving our aquatic weed programs. Our Society was established to fill this gap between basic research and field application. Our goal is to provide the applicator with the most practical tools for his trade, whether the "tools" are in the form of spray equipment, chemicals or biological controls. Research is gradually furnishing us with the answers to many of our weed problems. This research must continue and expand to meet our needs not only to give chemicals capable of controlling the weeds but protecting our valuable recreation resource. Biological controls must be fully explored. Better communications with the general public must be established to fully explain the objectives of our weed control operations. We must conduct our operations as examples for newcomers to the field to follow.

Let us continue to work together to make Florida a better place to live through coordination planning, safe operations and better controls.